

RESOLUTION APPROVING FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES FOR THE
2009 BUDGET YEAR

(COMMISSIONERS)

WHEREAS, Franklin County has achieved financial stability resulting in a double *Triple A* credit rating status and has previously set well-ordered priorities for its operating and capital budgets; and,

WHEREAS, current worldwide financial conditions require spending restraint and prudent cash management to protect against the impact of negative economic trends; and,

WHEREAS, these financial conditions have impacted tax-exempt credit markets and regional growth and development require that the County minimize expenditures through tighter budgetary controls and spending restraints: and,

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners must **1)** maintain Franklin County's fiscal security, stability, and sustainability; **2)** maintain Franklin County's ability to meet critical needs in difficult economic times; **3)** maintain Franklin County's excellent credit ratings; and **4)** maintain necessary and essential programs and service delivery capacity; now, therefore:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:**

That the following fiscal and budgetary principles be met by the County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget in presenting budget recommendations for calendar year 2009:

1. **Tighten spending controls** by limiting general revenue fund budget growth either to four percent (4%) or the change in the *Midwest Consumer Price Index (U.S. City Average)*, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, whichever is less.
2. **Control payroll expenditures** by limiting the number of budgeted positions to currently authorized levels except for a) mandated additions; b) additions supported by new revenue for the intended service period; c) additions that are essential to protecting life and property. Personnel policies shall also be revised to limit growth in

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overtime expenditures, compensatory time, and other cash payouts.

3. **Tighten fiscal controls** by limiting General Revenue Fund debt service obligations in 2009 to no more than five percent (5%) of the total resources available in the General Revenue Fund, and by refinancing long-term debt obligations where the potential for Present Value Savings is at least five percent (5%).
4. **Control fuel and energy expenditures** by further retrofitting the lighting systems, water systems, temperature control systems, and insulating systems for all buildings maintained and operated by the Board of County Commissioners, by promoting the increased use of compressed natural gas (CNG), methanol fuels available from SWACO, and other alternative fuels, and by raising the average mile-per-gallon standards for the fleet of County vehicles.
5. **Control other discretionary expenditures** by limiting the total amount budgeted for community partnership contracts at the 2008 level.
6. **Further cost-effective management of County health care expenditures** and enhance County employee recruitment, retention, and job satisfaction by providing incentives for participation in employee wellness programs.

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